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Total Population, 2010	207,572
Total Households, 2010	72,255
Median Age, 2010	35.6
Projected Population, 2015	252,007
Educational Attainment, 2010	
Population 25 and Older	132,277
High School Diploma	30.7%
Some College	21.0%
Associate's Degree	9.4%
Bachelor's Degree	17.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	7.3%
2010 SAT score, county average	1,528
2010 SAT score, state average	1,485

Income, 2010

Median Household Income	\$66,043
Per Capita Income	\$26,642

Employment by Industry, 2010

Agriculture, Mining	1.3%
Construction	12.1%
FIRE	8.0%
Manufacturing	11.9%
Public Administration	3.2%
Retail Trade	12.9%
Wholesale Trade	5.2%
Services	39.2%
Transportation, Utilities	4.1%
Total Employment, 16+	80,709

Labor Force, 2009

Labor Force	92,831
Unemployment Rate	10.3%

Source: ESRI 2010, NC Dept of Public Education, NC ESC

Union County is located in the Southern Piedmont section of North Carolina, midway between the mountains and coast. State-of-the-art manufacturing facilities as well as poultry, grain, dairy, and beef cattle farms all contribute to the thriving industry in Union County. Together Tyson Foods and Pilgrim's Pride, both poultry growers and processing plants, employ over 1,500 people. Union County is home to the second largest equine population in the state; Morgan horses are bred and trained at Apple Flat Farms, which occupies 73 acres in northern Union County.

Union County is the fastest growing county in North Carolina. The county's population has increased by 66 percent in the past 10 years, compared to 18 percent for the state as a whole. Nationwide, the county ranks as the 7th fastest growing. Monroe, the county's largest city, increased its population by 30 percent since 2000.

According to the last U.S. Census in 2000, approximately 41 percent of Union County residents commute to Mecklenburg County daily. Billed as "Charlotte's best neighborhood," the city of Monroe has evolved into far more than just a bedroom community for Charlotte.

A highly diversified industrial base has helped Union County weather fluctuations that inevitably arise during cyclical ups and downs. And a skilled workforce helps industry meet the changing needs. Today, Monroe is home to over 100 medium to large manufacturing and distribution companies. Global giants such as Goodrich, ATI Allvac, Greiner Bio-One, Tyson Foods, TYCO/Scott Health and Safety, Cyril Bath and BonaKemi USA have substantial operations in Union County.

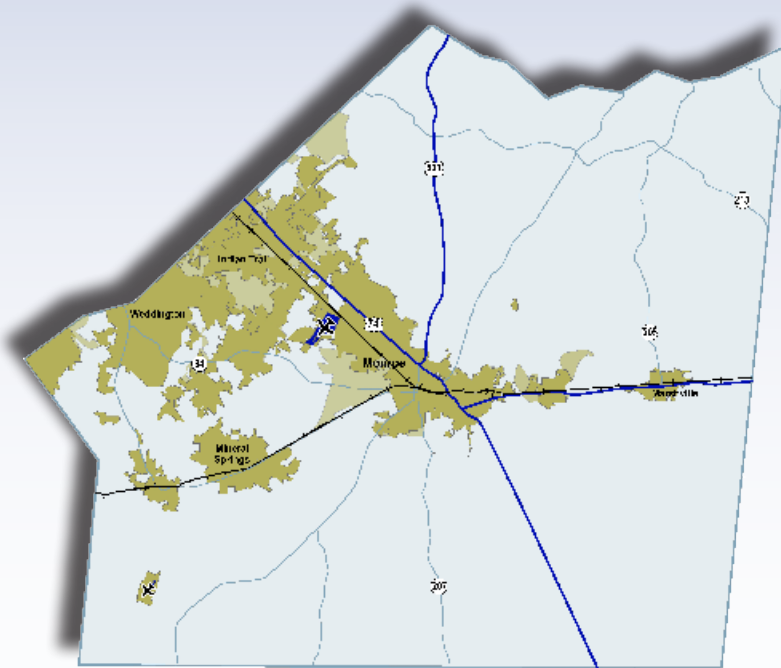
Union County also has strong international ties. Local developers visit the home office of these multinational companies as often as possible. Turbomeca Manufacturing Inc., a French-owned firm, recently located an advanced aerospace manufacturing facility in Monroe after an extensive search for a North American location. The company is currently investing \$46 million in a 120,000-square-foot plant.



Additionally, ATI Allvac has completed a \$210 million expansion to its existing facility; the largest expansion investment in Monroe's history, adding 125 new jobs.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS (non government/retail)

Company	Major Product	Employees
Tyson Farms Inc	Food Processing	1,400
ATI Allvac	Metal Refining	1,100
Pilgrims Pride Corporation	Manufacturing	500-999
Charlotte Pipe and Foundry	Pipes and Fittings	500-999
McGee Brothers Co Inc	Construction services	250-499



Announced Jobs & Investments

Jobs announced, 2008	4
Total investment announced, 2008	\$10,000,000

Accessibility

Nearest Major City	Charlotte
Distance to Nearest Major City	26 miles
Nearest Commercial Airport	CLT
Runway Length	10,000 ft
Distance to Nearest Airport	17 miles
Nearest Interstate	I-85
Distance to Nearest Interstate	206 miles
Nearest Deepwater Port	Port of Charleston
Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port	226 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Accessibility	Yes
Population within 50 mile radius, 2009	2,289,894

Development Capacity

Wastewater Treatment Capacity Available	Yes
Natural Gas Available	Yes

Taxes, Sales & Service

Property Taxes/\$100 value (10-11)	\$0.6650
Taxable Retail Sales (Mil\$, 2008)	\$1,208
Number of Physicians, 2007	138
Physicians per 10,000 population, 2007	8
RN per 10,000 population, 2007	44
Dentists per 10,000 population, 2007	N.A.

Sources: County data and NC Department of Revenue

Average Weekly Wage 2009

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$662
Utilities	\$1,232
Construction	\$747
Manufacturing	\$778
Wholesale Trade	\$966
Retail Trade	\$461
Transportation & Warehousing	\$737
Information	\$639
Finance & Insurance	\$906
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	\$604
Professional & Technical Services	\$955
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$970
Administrative & Waste Services	\$535
Educational Services	\$654
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$636
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	\$393
Accommodation & Food Services	\$231
Public Administration	\$730
Average Weekly Wage	\$663

Unemployment Insurance

New Employers (per \$100)	1.2%
Deficit Employers (max rate)	6.84%
Minimum Tax Rate	0.0%
Taxable Base	\$19,700

Inventory Tax

Finished Goods	none
Raw Materials	none
Goods in Process	none
Mat'l consumed in Mfg.	none

Sales Tax, General

State	5.75%
Local	2.0%

Sales Tax, Special Provisions

Electricity (farms and manufacturing exempt)	3.0%
Natural Gas	% of receipts
Manufacturing Fuels	none
Manufacturing Equipment	none
Telecomm Service: Intrastate (state + county)	8%

Education

Public Schools	53
Private Schools	9
School Districts	1
Colleges & Universities	2